

# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



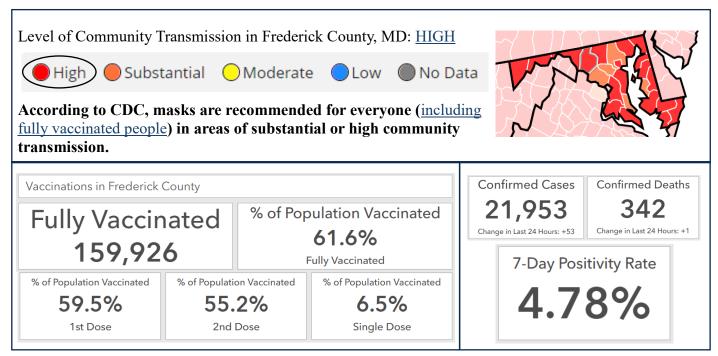
# News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# Frederick County Agency Updates for September 9, 2021

# Frederick, MD



# Frederick County residents **fully vaccinated** by age group:

% of Population	% of Population 12+	% of Population 18+	% of Population 65+
12-17 Years of Age	Years of Age	Years of Age	Years of Age
56.9%	75.2%	76.7%	

Please check our dashboard for statistics: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

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# **Frequently Asked Questions**



# Q: How can I find a place to get tested for COVID-19?

A: Go to Covidtest.Maryland.gov and search by zip code to find local options.



#### Q: When can I get a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine?

CDC has estimated that boosters for the general public may be recommended around 8 months after receiving the second dose, but this has not been made official by CDC and FDA yet. There is currently no word yet on boosters for Johnson & Johnson (J&J/Janssen) vaccine.



# Q: How can I get treatment for COVID-19?

A: Current treatment for COVID-19 is monoclonal antibodies. Clinical trials have shown fewer COVID-19-related hospitalizations or emergency room visits and a decrease in the amount of virus in an infected person's blood in patients at high risk for developing severe COVID-19 symptoms. Talk to your health care provider as soon as you test positive for COVID-19 so they can determine if monoclonal antibodies are the right treatment for you. If you do not have a healthcare provider you may be evaluated over the internet by going to <a href="http://medstarhealth.org/eVisit">http://medstarhealth.org/eVisit</a>. If you do not have access to the internet you may call 410-649-6122 and receive information on monoclonal applicability over the phone. More information, including who is eligible, is available <a href="https://medstarhealth.org/eVisit">heteroremedstarhealth.org/eVisit</a>. If you do not have access to the internet you may call 410-649-6122 and receive information on monoclonal applicability over the phone. More information, including who is eligible, is available <a href="https://medstarhealth.org/eVisit">heteroremedstarhealth.org/eVisit</a>. If you do not have access to the



# Q: What's the update on the Mu variant (B.1.621)?

A: The Mu variant was classified as a Variant of Interest by WHO on 9/3/2021. It was first identified in Columbia in January 2021. Worldwide, Mu has declined and is currently below 0.1% of sequenced samples, but it is increasing in Colombia and Ecuador. Delta variant remains the top variant in the United States.

# **JIC Partner Updates**

<u>Frederick County Public Schools</u>: Frederick County Public Schools provides a <u>data dashboard</u> for families, staff and community members as a summary of student and staff COVID-19 cases broken down by school. This information will be updated on Mondays and Wednesdays.

<u>Board of Health</u>: The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 at 7pm. This meeting will include a COVID situation update, a vaccination update, and discussion.

The meeting will be broadcast live on FCG TV cable channels 19/1085, and webcast at <a href="FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV">FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGTV</a>. The public may call 855-925-2801, and entering meeting code 8751 to listen. Public comments will be accepted on the Board of Health's public portal at <a href="https://www.publicinput.com/H2716">https://www.publicinput.com/H2716</a>, or by



calling toll-free 855-925-2801, entering meeting code 8751, and entering into a queue for live public comment during the meeting. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Agenda is posted <u>here</u>.



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# **Maryland Trending Questions**



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# Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine and flu vaccine at the same time?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccines may be administered with other vaccines, including flu vaccines and MDH strongly encourages Marylanders to get a flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine, if they haven't already.

Can immunocompromised people who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine get a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine?

No, the CDC does not recommend this currently.

#### **UPDATE:** What do immunocompromised individuals need to do to get the booster shot?

The CDC approved the FDA amendment of the emergency use authorizations for the Pfizer-BioNTech (COMIRNATY) and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to allow specific individuals with compromised immune systems to receive a third additional vaccine dose.

Patients should talk to their healthcare providers to determine if they need an additional dose and what the timing of that dose should be. CDC does not recommend additional doses for any other population at this time.

Maryland has issued guidance instructing all pharmacies and providers across the state to administer boosters to anyone who considers themselves to be immunocompromised, without a prescription or doctor's order.

# Did you miss last week's questions?

You can find out the answer to other trending COVID-19 vaccination <u>questions at covidLink Trending</u> <u>Questions and Answers</u>. Be sure to check out <u>covidLINK</u> for even more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and contact tracing.

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# Frederick Vaccination Update

All Marylanders 12 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 12-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Frederick County Health Department has clinics in a variety of locations throughout the county. This list can be found at

http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine. New links are added on Mondays.

- Schedule an appointment by going to <a href="http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine">http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine</a> or call 301-600-7900 Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm, or call 301-600-7905 for Spanish.
- For other dates/times, check out <u>Frederick</u> Health Hospital and other <u>locations</u>.
- If you need an in-home vaccination, please call 301-600-7900 to schedule.

LYFT Ride Option: Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit <a href="www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited">www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited</a> for more information or can call 301-600-7900 for English or 301-600-7905 for Spanish. The first \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.

Childcare option: KinderCare, Learning Care
Group, and YMCA are all offering free child care to
help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more
information, visit the provider's website.

Date	Time	Location	Inside/ Outdoor
Thursday, Sept 9	1:30- 2:30	Rescue Mission, 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701	Outdoor
Thursday, Sept 9	4-7pm	<b>800 Oak Street</b> , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Inside
Thursday, Sept 9	5-7pm	<b>Brunswick</b> , Railroad Square, Brunswick, MD 21716	Outdoor
Friday, Sept. 10	10am- 1pm	<b>800 Oak Street</b> , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Inside
Friday, Sept. 10	5-7pm	<b>Thurmont</b> , 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788	Outdoor
Saturday, Sept. 11	10am- 1pm	<b>800 Oak Street</b> , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Inside
Monday, Sept. 13	1-4pm	Fredericktowne Mall 1317 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 21702	Outside
Wednesday, Sept. 15	4-7pm	<b>800 Oak Street</b> , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).	Inside
Thursday, Sept. 16	1:30- 2:30	Rescue Mission, 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701	Outdoor
Thursday, Sept. 16	4-7pm	<b>800 Oak Street</b> , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <u>directions</u> ).	Inside
Thursday, Sept. 16	5-7pm	<b>Brunswick</b> , Railroad Square, Brunswick, MD 21716	Outside

# For More Information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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